# **REMARKS**

Permission to amend portions of the specification is respectfully requested. The original specification has been corrected to remove a minor, non-substantive clerical mistake (i.e., the failure to submit the abstract on a separate sheet). Support for the changes are found in the original specification. No new matter has been added and applicant believes the application to be in compliance with requirements and the claims allowable.

### **CONCLUSION**

An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested. Should a telephone interview facilitate prosecution in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided below.

### **PATENT**



## **REMARKS**

Permission to substitute drawings is respectfully requested. The original drawings have been corrected to remove two minor, non-substantive clerical mistakes (i.e., the failure to provide 1 inch margins and the use of pencil in said drawings). The drawings have not been substantively changed and except for the corrected margins and discontinued use of pencil these substitute drawings are identical to the drawings originally filed. No new matter has been added and applicant believes the application to be in compliance with requirements and the claims allowable.

#### **CONCLUSION**

An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested. Should a telephone interview facilitate prosecution in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided below.

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